AFFIDAVIT OF KEVAN KELLY

- 1. My name is Kevan Kelly. I am over the age of nineteen years.

 I am employed by the City of Dothan as an Attorney in the City Attorney's office. This Affidavit is based on my personal knowledge and my review of records maintained by the City Attorney's office.
- 2. On January 7, 2004, the City Clerk forwarded a claim against the City made by Theron Fondren to the City Attorney's office. On January 7, 2004, I requested an investigation to be conducted by the Police Department into the claim made by Mr. Fondren that he was falsely arrested. A copy of my memo requesting this investigation is attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. The investigation revealed that Mr. Fondren was properly arrested on a valid alias warrant. See Exhibit B. On April 2, 2004, I sent a letter to Mr. Fondren stating that his claim had been denied, which is attached as Exhibit C.

I have read the foregoing affidavit and I swear and affirm under penalty of perjury that it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF HOUSTON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this β day of November, 2007.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

LINDA R. JOHNSON Notary Public, AL State at Large My Comm. Expires Nov. 17, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO : John-White, Police Chief

FROM : D. Kevan Kelly, City Attorney

DATE : January 7, 2004

RE: Damage Claim of Theron Fondren

Claimant alleges that on January 1, 2004 he was wrongfully arrested on a false warrant. Claimant is also asking to be reimbursed for a towing fee in the amount of \$158.90.

Please investigate this matter and report your findings to me. This request is made in anticipation of litigation.

DKK/jm

cc: Larry Muench, General Services

City Clerk's Department

Memo

To:

City Attomey Len White

From:

City Clerk Pam McCoy

Date:

January 7, 2004

Re:

DAMAGE CLAIM - Theron Fondren

Please process the attached claim.

cc: Mark Kight

cc: Larry Muench

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City Clerk

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On Book Jan 1 2004 I was wrongfully arrested on a False warrant. Mary Beth at the Magistrales office can confirm this, she also said that I should see you about getting my Towing Fee reimbursed \$158.90 my CRO contact is Harrison Farr 677-1156 he can also confirm This.

Theron Fondren
125 Bel Aire Dr
Dothan, AL 36303
791-8415
790-6898
792-0510

please contact me as soon as possible

Thank

I have included my Towing Fee 8:11

Dothan Police Department

MEMORANDUM

FROM

Police Chief John C. White

TO

: City Attorney Len White

DATE

March 30, 2004

SUBJECT :

CLAIM OF THERON FONDREN

Attached is the complete investigative report on the Claim filed by Theron Fondren. If you need any further information concerning this claim, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-3601.

JOHN C. WHITE Chief of Police

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Dothan Police Department

MEMORANDUM

FROM :

Sergeant Gary S. Coleman

TO

Chief John C. White

DATE

March 24, 2004

SUBJECT

Theron Fondren - Damage Claim

Sir,

On 01/15/2004 I received a damage claim forwarded from Assistant City Attorney Kevan Kelley's office for investigation. This claim was filed by Mr. Theron Fondren for the reimbursement of \$185.90 towing fee that he incurred during his arrest on 01/01/2004 on a two-year old alias warrant. Mr. Fondren also claims that he was falsely arrested.

The facts of this incident are as follows:

On 11/08/2001 Dothan Police Officer Chris Judah arrested Mr. Theron Fondren at 190 Festival Drive (fairgrounds) for public intoxication. Fondren was allowed to bond and given a court date of 11/26/2002. He was sentenced to complete a court referral program by 05/20/2002. On that date he was found not to be in compliance with the program and a motion was filed to revoke him and a new court date of 08/12/2002 was given. Mr. Fondren failed to appear on 08/12/2002 and an alias warrant for his arrest was then issued by Judge Rose Gordon.

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The court referral program records show that Fondren completed the program on 12/17/2002, five months after the alias warrant was issued. On 01/01/2004 Mr. Fondren was arrested by Office Shane Ash on a traffic stop. Only after his arrest on the alias warrant did Mr. Fondren submit his court referral completion paperwork to the court on 01/08/2004. All records show that Fondren was arrested on a valid alias warrant.

Sergeant Gary S. Coleman Internal Affairs Division

GSC/pd

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April 2, 2004

Mr. Theron Fondren 125 Bel Aire Drive Dothan, AL 36303

Re:

Damage Claim

Dear Mr. Fondren:

An investigation into your claim dated January 7, 2004 has been completed. The investigation reveals that you were arrested on or about June 1, 2004 on a valid warrant. The investigation found no negligence on the part of the City of Dothan, its officers or employees. Therefore, your claim has been denied.

Yours truly,

D. Kevan Kelly

Assistant City Attorney

DKK/im